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Letter dated 27 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement made by a spokesman of the Government of Japan on 27 April 1992 concerning the situation in Myanmar (announcement of a period for convening a national convention) (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 98 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement made on 27 April 1992 by the Press Secretary/ Director-General for Public Information and Cultural Affairs of Japan on the situation in Myanmar (announcement of a period for convening a national convention)

The Government of Japan notes as a positive move the announcement by the Government of Myanmar on 24 April of its intention to convene a national convention within six months to determine basic principles for drafting a constitution and to free some political prisoners soon. It strongly hopes that this decision will lead to a prompt transfer of power to a civilian government.

The Government of Japan has requested the Government of Myanmar on various occasions to clarify the process of transfer of power to a civilian government, including the timing of holding a national convention. It also intends to continue diplomatic efforts for the realization of a speedy transfer of power to a civilian government.